GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government to create Natural Gas Regulatory Boards at State level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): While some State Governments have expressed a desire to establish state-level Regulatory Board for natural gas, it has been explained to them that as natural gas is a Union subject, State Governments do not have the legislative competence to set up Natural Gas Regulatory Boards at the State level. The Central Government have under consideration a proposal to set up a Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) to protect the interests of consumers and entities engaged in specified activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas, to ensure the uninterrupted and adequate supply of petroleum products and natural gas to all parts of the country, and to promote competitive markets.